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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants provide information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants provide a copy of an International-Type Search Report that was issued in conjunction with counterpart Swedish Application No. 0300881-0 dated October 1, 2003.

Copies of each of the four (4) items cited in the Search Report are additionally provided. It will be noted that these publications were placed in the "A" category as "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance".

Applicants additionally provide a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,129,444 that is discussed at Page 1 of the Specification.

For the convenience of the Examiner a Form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned once these publications are considered.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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